

Old Fox to Take No Chances on Augusta's Muddy Drinking Water Supply

GRIFFITH ORDERS WATER FOR BOYS

Takes No Chances in Conditioning Athletes During Training.

HUMPHRIES MUST PAY UP

Youngster Has to Square Himself With National Commission Yet.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 9.—Manager Griffith today ordered carboys of spring water placed in the rooms occupied by his players, and spring water will also be served at the dining tables.

The Old Fox is most serious over conditions of the local water supply. "I had no idea the water here was so bad," said he today. "I am not going to have any of my players made sick drinking this dark brown stuff, and so have ordered spring water for all of them. When training athletes are particularly susceptible to attacks from all kinds of troubles. I'm taking no chances with the water."

No military officer had appeared here today to take charge of the drilling ordered by President Ben Johnson, but one is expected this afternoon or tomorrow. Manager Griffith and his players are all waiting to cooperate with the officer in preparing the team for the big drill to be held in July for that \$500 prize offered by the head of the league.

Humphreys Must Pay.

Before Charlie Humphreys is declared eligible to play with the Washington club, or any other club in organized baseball, he will have to pay to the National Commission a little more than \$50. This amount is, according to the National Commission, due the Richmond club, of the International League. The young pitcher claims the money belongs to him, but that means very little.

When Humphreys was sent to Richmond last year, the Washington club paid the difference between the two contracts. When the Richmond club finally settled its account with the young hurler, some one discovered that some \$53.07 was paid him more than was coming to him.

On December 21, 1916, the National Commission notified Humphreys of the alleged mistake in bookkeeping, and placed him on the ineligible list until he makes restitution to the Richmond club of \$53.07.

Humphreys today applied to Manager Griffith, asking for permission to reopen the bookkeeping of his case before the commission. While the Old Fox has yet to decide the question, it is expected that he will accede to Humphreys' request.

McBride Is Chosen.

George McBride has been chosen to play shortstop for the first team in the opening practice under the eye of Manager Griffith. Sam Crane, who has been hoped to succeed the genial captain of the Griffins, will have to outplay McBride before he can get a place with the so-called regulars.

"Putting McBride on the first team means nothing especially," says the Old Fox. "Mac is a veteran and, in a way, deserves to be put on the first team. But if Crane, or Moran, or anybody else shows enough stuff McBride will be placed on the second team. The best players will be regulars. This goes all down the line."

Griff Is Surprised.

Though Manager Griffith is inclined to believe Crane will be his regular short fielder this season, he was agreeably surprised yesterday at the excellent condition of McBride. Griffith arrived at the ball park in the afternoon just in time to see McBride performing at his best. The veteran captain was picking up ones with one hand and covering acres as the Old Fox walked across the field.

Crane and Mike Moran, the Washington sandlotter, stood for fully fifteen minutes and watched McBride field his position. Neither said anything, but both must have been doing a heap of thinking, judging from the seriousness of their faces.

Unless military drill interferes with the arrangement the players will practice for a week in two squads, each working two hours once a day. The second squad will work in the morning from 10 to 12 and the first squad from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock. This program started today and will continue until the players are ready for the daily practice games. Two games will be played every day, once they begin, until the jump for home begins.

The first team is made up of Shanks, first base; Foster, second base; McBride, shortstop; Leonard, third base; Smith, Zeb Milan, and Sam Rice in the outfield; Henry and Charrrity, catchers; Dumont, Craft, Gallia, Jamieson, and Thomas, pitchers.

The second squad has Judge, first base; Morgan, second base; Crane, shortstop; Sawyer and Moran, third base; Berry, Menosky, and Epi Milan, outfielders; Amerith and Eubanks, catchers; and Harper, Humphreys, Ayers, Shaw, and Flaherty, pitchers.

Eubanks To Work.

Carl Eubanks, who assists Al Smith with the second team, is manager of the local Little Leaguers. He is more than willing to get in some early training before his own players report April 1.

Joe Leonard, coming direct from his home in Chicago, arrived last night in time for dinner. Walter Johnson, not expected here until March 15, if that early; Carl Sawyer, coming all the way from Los Angeles, and Merito Acosta, whose father is trying to keep out of jail for rebelling against the Cuban government, are the only absentees. Sawyer is expected here today, but Acosta may be delayed several weeks.

Manager Griffith is satisfied with the looks of things here, although the hog-jack diamond is hardly satisfactory. He is expected to have a hot sun and this pleased him mightily.

Stansbury Quint Figured To Win Masonic Pennant

Leads America's Biggest Duckpin League and Depends On Reserve Strength To Take Title.

Stansbury Lodge, captured by Harvey T. Rogers, is figured to win the 1916-17 championship of the Masonic Duckpin League, the largest bowling organization of its type in America.

With less than a third of the season remaining, Stansbury is anchored in first place, and while several of the twenty-four teams of the league are not far behind, Stansbury's comparative strength is such that it is believed Little trouble will be encountered by Rogers' rollers in keeping to the front until the end.

Had Some Job.

Harry J. Schmidt, official scorer of the league, has just completed a compilation of team and individual averages, a job second to none in that line of work. In writing down the averages alone, after they had been figured out, Schmidt scribbled approximately 7,500 figures.

Although Stansbury has won the greatest percentage of its games, the Columbia quint, which is third, has the most brilliant record. Stansbury has made 149 strikes to 161 for Columbia, 737 spares to 823 for Columbia, a high game of 583 to 611 for Columbia and a high set of 1,673 to 1,670 for its rival. In addition, Columbia has a game average of 517 against 514 for Stansbury.

Stansbury Has Reserve.

This is interesting dope. It indicates that Columbia is a stronger team than Stansbury, but such is not the case. Captain Rogers, of Stansbury, has several crack bowlers, whom he uses only when necessary to carry off games.

They are Harry Krauss, Harry Stanford and Earl Lewis, well-known Royals, is a Stansbury regular and is the Masonic League leader in average. His mark is 112.24 for fifty games. Halley holds the league record for high game with a mark of 168. His best set is 401.

Schmidt and Chaconas Stars.

Other crack members of the organization are Harry Schmidt, of Columbia, who has rolled for an average of 111.22 in fifty-five games, and Nick Chaconas, of King Solomon, with 111.15 for forty-six games. These two are fighting for second place honors. It is generally conceded that Halley will stick at the top.

Lafayette is the only Masonic team with a set of better than 1,700 to its credit. Its record is 1,711.

Robb Holds Set Record.

Major Robb, anchor man of the St. John's team, is responsible for the most brilliant bit of rolling seen in the league this season. He rolled a set of 423, which stood for a short time as the District record.

Robb's exceptional total was beaten a little more than a week ago by Ray Chapin, who registered 435 in three games.

It is interesting to note that Robb made his record the night following that on which Harry Krauss, of the Royals, hit the maples for 422.

Will Have Trouble Choosing Pitchers.

Griff's Mound Candidates All Possess Qualities Which Must Be Considered.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 9.—When Manager Griffith begins weeding out his pitchers he should have some trouble, for nearly every candidate impresses one as having a chance.

It is expected that Johnson, Harper, and Gallia are certain of being regulars, but five more will probably be retained, and the real fight here will be among the remainder of the squad to stick along with the Griffins.

Jim Shaw will have to deliver the goods this spring to hold his place with the team. He has been given plenty of time to show his class, but so far he has failed. The Pittsburgher is in good shape this spring, and if he cuts out his kidding and tends to his knitting, he may land a regular job. Otherwise he may find himself sent to Minneapolis.

Dumont Is Aggressive.

George Dumont is aggressively confident of his making good this year. He says he needs the money, and being in good health after a winter of being in the hospital, he is going to be the fourth man of the quartet taking turns in the box. Manager Griffith likes Dumont's pugnacity, as well as his ability, and the Little Frenchman may be successful.

The Ayers never looked better than he does right now. Given plenty of work in the spring, the Hillville sawbones should prove most valuable. Ayers is a glutton when it comes to toiling on the rubber and he is sure to be given a thorough trial.

Thomas in Shape.

Owing to his excellent condition now, Claude Thomas, the Oklahoma southpaw, is sure to attract Griffith's attention during the training period here. The lanky forkhandler is most anxious to impress Griffith with his ability and expects to do well enough to be taken along with the first team when camp is broken.

Kid Jamieson's sunny disposition allows of no grief for him. He says he will do his best, and that his best will be enough to give him a berth. Left handers are a good asset in the American League these days, and so Jamieson may be kept, if he shows anything.

RACES AT BOWIE

Condition Book Sent Out for Owners Announces Stake Races.

The first Eastern condition book for horse owners is out today. This means that all plans have been completed for the six days of racing to start at Bowie beginning, probably, April 2.

Official announcement of Maryland dates will be made following a meeting of the Jockey Club. The Bowie races will be held under the auspices of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association of Prince George's county, Md.

The features of the first half of the meeting are the Bowie Inaugural, the Army and Navy Purse, the Eclipse Handicap, the Washington Handicap, the Magruder Purse and the Prince George Handicap.

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SCHOOL SWIMMERS INVITED TO MEET

All-for-Glory Affair for Championships to Be Held June 2.

Washington schoolboy swimmers will be invited to take part in the first annual interscholastic championship swimming races, to be held in the municipal swimming pool on June 2. The meet will be an all-for-glory affair, no medals being given for competition.

The idea originated with F. J. Brunner, prominently identified with swimming in the city as coach of the Washington Swimming Club and Central High School swimmers.

Wants to Get Start.

Brunner wants to get swimming on a firmer foundation here and is making a plea to all of the schools here to have entries in the meet.

The all-for-glory idea means that no entry fee will be charged and that no medals will be awarded. In this, the first year of competition, it is designed to create interest in the event. Another year may find it possible to give medals for the various events.

Events Are Planned.

All of the events are planned to be run off as in a regular meet. There will be a relay race, and fifty, one hundred, and two-hundred yard swims. The four-hundred yard swim is the only other distance event on the card.

In addition to the regular swims, there will be a fifty-yard backstroke, a race at 150 yards with backstroke, and a fifty and 150-yard breast stroke besides the usual fancy diving event.

Will Solicit Entries.

Entries will be solicited from Central, Western, Technical, Friends, Georgetown Preps, Army and Navy Preps, Eastern, and any other prep school swimmers who care to compete. It is designed to have a fifty-yard dash event for graded schools.

Along the line of swimming events the announcement that the Board of Education had acted favorably on allowing the South Atlantic A. A. U. to hold its annual events in the new Central High School pool means that the meet will be held here during April.

DOYLE LOSES OUT

Davis Again Defeats Washington Player in Singles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9.—Willis E. Davis, national clay-court champion, again took the measure of Conrad B. Doyle, of Washington, D. C., in the East-West matches in singles here. Davis defeated Doyle at Cleveland last summer in the finals for the clay-court title, and repeated his victory yesterday by 6-1, 4-6, 8-6, 6-1.

Doyle's service was erratic, although he kept Davis from the net at all times. Church and Throckmorton were still playing Johnston and Strachan in the doubles when play was halted. The match stood 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and 7-11 in favor of the Easterners.

Play will continue today in singles and doubles.

INVITES SCHOOLS

Some Meet Bids Go Out to District of Columbia Boys.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., March 9.—Invitations have been sent out for the eleventh annual interscholastic track and field meet to be held by the Tome School, which is one of the great outdoor meets of the South and which promises to be greater and more brilliant this year than ever before.

Athletes from Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York, compete and at times the number of visitors has reached 4,000.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded individual winners, a loving cup goes to the individual point winner, and a plaque to the school point winner. Tome School does not compete for the plaque. All contestants will be entertained as the guests of the school.

Last year six new events were added chiefly for boys 0. 80 and 100 pounds. These will be continued and the javelin throw and any other events which the entries warrant will be added.

SCHNEIDER ELECTED.

Earnest Schneider, left guard on Tech's basketball during the past season, has been elected captain for next year. Letters will be awarded at general assembly at Tech on Tuesday next.

TURNER DEFEATED.

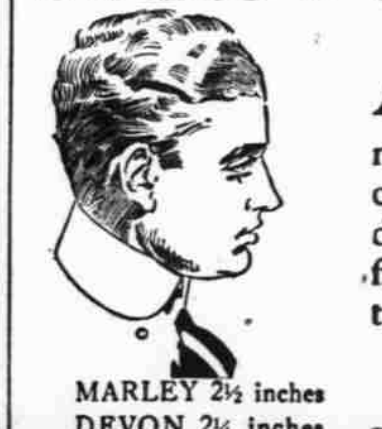
Joe Turner was pinned to the mat by Paul Bower, of Newark, Ohio, last night. The visitor won the first fall on a half nelson and arm lock and the third on a flying crotch. Turner was considerably out-weighted.

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BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

The military preparedness thing that Ban Johnson has been drilling into the owners, managers, and players of the American League has caught on with a flourish so far as at least one member is concerned.

Merito Acosta, the diminutive outfielder of the Washington club, is said to be mixed up in the revolution led by his father, Col. Baldemero Acosta, mayor of Mananao.

Just how much fighting the young Cuban has done is not known, but he must be so busy fighting or hiding from the federal soldiers on the island that he cannot find time to answer any of Griffith's telegrams ordering him to report.

Maybe if Acosta used one of Griffith's orders as a flag of truce and informed President Menocal, who is a baseball fan, that he intends to give up carrying a gun and go back to swinging a bat and chasing flies in the outfield, the Cuban official would call off his military bloodhounds from the trail of Acosta's father and two brothers.

"Pop" Geers is only sixty-five years old. He is calmly preparing for another season as a driver of trotters and pacers. The sultan of the sulky, bruised and battered by many accidents around the half-mile dirt speedways, bowed down, gray and knotted from his long career, still ranks as one of the greatest horse pilots that the harness game has ever known. This year will be the thirty-ninth season behind the racers.

He is now being trained in the first drills. Last December Wilde knocked out "Zulu Kid," an American batman-weight, in the eleventh round.

Harry Tutthill, trainer of the Detroit Tigers, recently explained why Pep Young, the nimble second baseman, increased his batting average last year. In 1915 Young played 123 games and had an average of .244, while last season in 153 games he batted .285 and was the "Tigers' best pinch hitter. Tutthill figured at the end of the 1915 campaign that Young's comparatively light hitting was due to weak wrists. So he advised Young to swing a pair of dumbbells every morning.

The young Tiger took the tip and got the desired results. Other poor hitters probably will resort to the same methods.

HOPPE MAKES NEW BILLIARD RECORD

District Players Must Better 250 Point Mark Set by Champion Hoppe.

Washington billiardists have a new mark to shoot at today. William F. Hoppe, world's champion billiard player, in an exhibition match at Frank Sherman's last night, with Jacob C. Schaefer, Jr., in making an unfinished run of 250 points, set the new mark.

Hoppe's performance not only eclipsed any record previously made in the District, but set new high figures for performances in the East this winter. Three times before this season Hoppe has run out 250 points in exhibition.

Is in Rare Form.

The billiard expert was in rare form last night. The 182 ball-line exhibition match drew a fair-sized crowd, and none of the spectators realized how exceptionally well Hoppe was playing until it was made known he had beaten the previous District mark.

In 1910 when Hoppe was playing here in exhibition he ran 206 points. It was at that time that he was asked to play at the White House, and gave an exhibition before President Taft.

Record Remarkable.

Schaefer and Hoppe banked and Hoppe won the bank shot his ball being frozen to the cushion. The champion then started his remarkable run. Schaefer never having a shot during the evening. Not once during the play did Hoppe lose control of the ball.

The champion finished his last point with the balls under perfect control. There is no telling just how many more points could have been made had Hoppe cared to shoot. Without pausing for rest Hoppe and Wright began a three-cushion match.

Wins Bank Again.

For the second time Hoppe won the bank and made the three-cushion shot off the spot. Another count was made before missing, and Hoppe's real mark was 252 for the night, concluded with two three-cushion shots.

Wright was beaten by 20 to 12 several difficult time shots being being during the match. Hoppe was defeated by 20 to 12 in the afternoon play at three cushions, and defeated Wright in the 182 ball-line game by 250 to 31.

Hoppe's last record of 250 points was made at Pasadena, Cal., early in January and last night's performance was the first time he has made a record run in the East this year.

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Two other players, Malone and Kirby-Smith, were substitutes on last year's team, who will be available this season. The team opens its schedule with Central High School on April 3.

Has Many Candidates.

Despite the loss of several high class players the Army and Navy Preps will have several good men out this spring. Buck Wise, of Business High School fame, is at the Prep school, and is counted upon to land a berth.

The fact that many boys will leave the school in April after the Army and Navy yearly examinations will break up the team to a certain extent. Coach Newberry is hoping to establish a good record with those who remain for the entire season.

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Games are pending with St. Albans and another with Georgetown Preps. Little work has been done as yet at the Connecticut Avenue School, but Coach Newberry expects to have regular practice next week.

Players On Hand.

The following will make bids for the team: Baker, Goodale, and Gilmartin, pitchers; Saunders, Hutcheson, Linke, Sexton, catchers; Wise, Tenney, Linke, Goodale, Gogetti, Casell, Kean, Kirk, Allison, Conti, infielders; Cockrell, Kirby-Smith, Malone, Allison, Abbott, Darnell, and Arrington, outfielders.

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TWO DIVISIONS IN AMATEUR LEAGUE

Capital City Circuit to Consist of Limited and Unlimited Age Sections.

Two sections will make up the Capital City Amateur Baseball League it has been decided. There will be a limited division for players of eighteen years and under and an unlimited for players of more than eighteen.

Seven teams have taken out franchises already—four in the unlimited section and three in the other. The league requests that any teams desiring charters attend the meetings to be held March 14 for the limited and March 15 for the unlimited class. The meeting will be held at 424 Ninth street northwest.

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